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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

EX PARTE NOTICE

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket 09-51; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket 07-135; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket 05-337; Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket 01-92; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket 96-45; Lifeline and Link-Up, WC Docket 03-109; Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund, WT Docket 10-208.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 15, 2012 Genevieve Morelli of the Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance (“ITTA”), Michael Saperstein of Frontier Communications, Jennie Chandra of Windstream, and Melissa Newman and I, on behalf of CenturyLink, met with Sharon Gillett, Amy Bender, Joe Cavender, Rebekah Goodheart (by phone), Patrick Halley, Carol Matthey, and Steve Rosenberg of the Wireline Competition Bureau. We discussed the issue raised in the petitions for reconsideration filed by ITTA and jointly by Frontier and Windstream relating to price cap carriers’ eligibility for Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase 1 incremental support. Following up on the parties prior meeting on this issue on February 6, 2012,¹ we discussed various ideas for modifying the current test for CAF Phase I Incremental Support eligibility to allow recipients to demonstrate eligibility and use support to deploy service to unserved locations in partially-served census blocks and locations that cannot receive adequate fixed wireless service.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S Lanning

cc: Sharon Gillett, Carol Matthey, Rebekah Goodheart, Steve Rosenberg, Amy Bender,
Joe Cavender

¹ Letter from Genevieve Morelli to Marlene Dortch, *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket 10-90, et al, February 8, 2012.